

Applicants: M. S. Williams, et al.
Serial No.: 09/255,222
AMENDMENT

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the present claims in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendment merits entry under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because the amendment:

- a) places the claims in condition for immediate allowance, or
- b) places the claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

Applicants further submit that Claims 1-12 disclose novel and nonobvious subject matter and are in condition for immediate allowance.

VERSION OF CLAIM WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

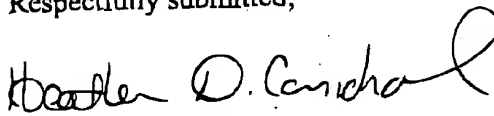
1. (Amended) A method of decreasing the amount of [sulfuric acid or] aluminum sulfate hydrate required by a pulping or papermaking process, comprising adding to a process stream or solution of said pulping or papermaking process an effective amount of urea sulfate.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants submit that the above amendment merits entry in the present application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and earnestly solicit an early and favorable notice of allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Order Account No. 11-0855.

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